

JUDGE PRESKA

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SENSIENT COLORS INC.,

Plaintiff,

- against -

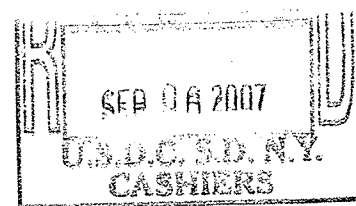
ABBY F. KOHNSTAMM; PETER L.
KOHNSTAMM; SARAH F. KOHNSTAMM;
ELIZABETH K. OGDEN; RICHARD L.
OGDEN; THOMAS H. OGDEN; JOHN DOE
INDIVIDUALS 1-20 (fictitious names); and ABC
COMPANIES 1-20 (fictitious names),

Defendants.
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Civil Action No.

COMPLAINT

07 CIV 7846



Plaintiff Sensient Colors Inc. ("Sensient"), by its attorneys Bryan Cave LLP, for its Complaint against Abby F. Kohnstamm, Peter L. Kohnstamm, Sarah F. Kohnstamm, Elizabeth K. Ogden, Richard L. Ogden, Thomas H. Ogden, John Doe Individuals 1-20 (fictitious names), and ABC Companies 1-20 (fictitious names) (collectively "Defendants"), states and alleges as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. In 1988, Sensient's parent company, Universal Foods Corporation ("Universal Foods"), entered into a transaction to purchase the stock of H. Kohnstamm & Co., Inc. ("Kohnstamm & Co.") from its shareholders, including Defendants. Because Universal Foods had serious concerns about the environmental condition of certain property owned by Kohnstamm & Co. located at 31st and Lemuel Avenue in Camden, New Jersey ("Camden Property"), the Camden Property was transferred, prior to the stock-purchase transaction, to General Color Company ("General Color"), another company in which Defendants held stock.

In connection with the transfer, Kohnstamm & Co. and the selling shareholders, including Defendants, represented to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection that the transfer was merely a reorganization that did not change the ownership of the Camden Property. Pursuant to the stock transaction, Universal Foods did not acquire any interest in General Color, nor did it assume any liability or interest associated with the operations of Kohnstamm & Co. or General Color on the Camden Property.

2. Despite the parties' intentions in the 1998 stock purchase transaction to keep the Camden Property, and its potential environmental problems, with Defendants and the other selling shareholders, Sensient has been named in two actions in New Jersey, alleging that Sensient (formerly known as Kohnstamm & Co.) caused environmental contamination of the Camden Property and/or property located adjacent to the Camden Property.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and supplementary jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because the Defendants are subject to personal jurisdiction in this district.

THE PARTIES

5. Plaintiff Sensient, f/k/a Warner-Jenkinson Company, Inc., f/k/a Kohnstamm & Co., is a New York corporation with its principal place of business located in St. Louis, Missouri. Sensient is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sensient Technologies Corporation, f/k/a Universal Foods, a global manufacturer and marketer of colors, flavors and fragrances.

6. Upon information and belief, Defendant Abby F. Kohnstamm is a New York citizen presently residing at 181 East 65th Street, New York, New York 10021.

7. Upon information and belief, Defendant Peter L. Kohnstamm is a New York citizen presently residing at 15 Ocean Avenue, Larchmont, New York 10538.

8. Upon information and belief, Defendant Sarah F. Kohnstamm is a New York citizen presently residing at 15 Ocean Avenue, Larchmont, New York 10538.

9. Upon information and belief, Defendant Elizabeth K. Ogden is a New York citizen presently residing at 79 Winfield Avenue, Harrison, New York 10528.

10. Upon information and belief, Defendant Richard L. Ogden is a New York citizen presently residing at 117 Wildwing Ext. Pk., Catskill, New York 12414.

11. Upon information and belief, Defendant Thomas H. Ogden is a New York citizen presently residing at 79 Winfield Avenue, Harrison, New York 10528.

12. Upon information and belief, Defendants John Doe Individuals 1-20 (fictitious names) are individuals presently residing in the State of New York.

13. Upon information and belief, Defendants ABC Companies 1-20 (fictitious names) are corporations subject to jurisdiction in the State of New York.

THE 1988 TRANSACTION

14. On or about September 7, 1988, Kohnstamm & Co. transferred the Camden Property to its wholly owned subsidiary, General Color, a New Jersey corporation.

15. After the transfer of the Camden Property, Kohnstamm & Co. transferred the stock of General Color, tax free, to the Kohnstamm family members who were shareholders of Kohnstamm & Co., the "Kohnstamm Family Shareholders" (including Defendants). This had the effect of dissolving the parent-subsidary relationship that had previously existed between Kohnstamm & Co. and General Color.

16. The stock of Kohnstamm & Co. was then acquired by Universal Foods, a Wisconsin corporation, in 1988 (hereinafter, the transfer of the Camden Property to General

Color, the transfer of the stock of General Color to the Kohnstamm Family Shareholders and the sale of the stock of Kohnstamm & Co. to Universal Foods shall be referred to as the "1988 Transaction"). As a result of the 1988 Transaction, Kohnstamm & Co. became a wholly owned subsidiary of Universal Foods.

17. Universal Foods did not acquire any interest in General Color, which was no longer a subsidiary of Kohnstamm & Co. at the time Universal Foods acquired Kohnstamm & Co., nor did Universal Foods acquire any liability or interest associated with the operations of Kohnstamm & Co. or General Color at the Camden Property.

18. Kohnstamm & Co., a New York corporation, changed its name to Warner-Jenkinson Company, Inc. on or about September 18, 1990. Warner-Jenkinson Company, Inc. changed its name to Sensient Colors Inc. on or about December 31, 2002.

19. Section 5.3 of the agreement controlling the 1988 Transaction (hereinafter "1988 Transaction Agreement") provided that the "Selling Shareholders" and Kohnstamm & Co. would obtain a determination from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") that the Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act ("ECRA") did not apply to the 1988 Transaction. The 1988 Transaction Agreement further provided that the Selling Shareholders would cause Kohnstamm & Co. to comply with this obligation. Copies of portions of the 1988 Transaction Agreement are attached as Exhibit A.

20. Each Defendant was a Selling Shareholder and a Kohnstamm Family Shareholder under the 1988 Transaction Agreement.

21. Each Defendant executed a shareholder agreement that outlined the transfer of the Camden Property to General Color and the distribution of General Color shares to the Defendants. A copy of the shareholder agreement is attached as Exhibit B.

22. Pursuant to Section 5.3 of the 1988 Transaction Agreement, Kohnstamm & Co. and the Selling Shareholders (including Defendants) applied to the NJDEP for an ECRA letter of non-applicability for: (1) the transfer of the Camden Property by Kohnstamm & Co. to General Color; and (2) the transfer of the stock of General Color to the Kohnstamm Family Shareholders (including Defendants).

23. That application asked the NJDEP to disregard the corporate form and treat the formal change of ownership of the Camden Property from Kohnstamm & Co. to General Color as a corporate reorganization not substantially affecting the ownership of the Camden Property. The application also asked the NJDEP to disregard the corporate form and to treat the formal change of ownership of General Color from Kohnstamm & Co. to the Kohnstamm Family Shareholders as a corporate reorganization not substantially affecting the ownership of the Camden Property.

24. In support of those requests, Kohnstamm & Co. and the Selling Shareholders (including Defendants) represented in the application that the beneficial and equitable ownership of the Camden Property would remain with the Kohnstamm Family Shareholders (including Defendants) because: (1) Kohnstamm & Co. was the parent of General Color; (2) the Kohnstamm Family Shareholders (including Defendants) owned approximately 81% of the Kohnstamm & Co. stock; (3) after the stock distribution, they would own 100% of General Color; and (4) both before and after the proposed transaction the Kohnstamm Family Shareholders (including Defendants) would own the controlling interest in Camden Property and would control General Color.

25. On the basis of the representations made by and on behalf of Kohnstamm & Co. and the Selling Shareholders (including Defendants), NJDEP issued ECRA letters of non-

applicability regarding the transactions proposed by the 1988 Transaction Agreement. Copies of the letters of non-applicability and the applications upon which they were issued are attached as Exhibit C.

26. Upon information and belief, but for the representations made by and on behalf of Kohnstamm & Co. and the Selling Shareholders (including Defendants) in their ECRA application for letters of non-applicability, NJDEP would have required in 1988 an ECRA environmental investigation and remediation of the Camden Property. The cost of that environmental investigation and remediation would have directly or indirectly reduced the compensation paid to the Selling Shareholders (including Defendants) in exchange for their Kohnstamm & Co. stock.

27. The above-referenced representations and actions of Defendants evidence a level of control over Kohnstamm & Co. and General Color such that these corporations were mere instrumentalities, or alter egos, of the Kohnstamm Family Shareholders, including Defendants.

28. Defendants abused the corporate form to further their personal interests.

29. Accordingly, it is appropriate to pierce the corporate veil and impose liability on the individual Defendants.

30. In the alternative, Defendants should be held responsible individually for the actions and environmental liabilities of Kohnstamm & Co. prior to the transfer of the Camden Property in 1988. Defendants should also be held responsible individually for the actions and environmental liabilities of General Color after the transfer of the Camden Property in 1988.

31. Upon information and belief, if not for sworn statements submitted to the NJDEP, Kohnstamm & Co. would have been required to either investigate and remediate the Camden Property prior to its transfer to General Color or enter into an agreement by which General Color

and/or the Selling Shareholders (including Defendants) would assume the obligation to investigate and remediate the Camden Property after the transfer. Either way, the Camden Property would have been investigated and remediated beginning in 1988.

**SUBSEQUENT LITIGATION REGARDING THE CAMDEN PROPERTY
AND THE ADJACENT PROPERTY**

32. In 2004, Sensient and General Color were named as defendants in an action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division – Camden County, entitled *Pleasant Gardens Realty Corporation v. H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc., et al.*, Docket No. CAM-L-6579-03 (“New Jersey Action”). The New Jersey Action alleges that Sensient (formerly known as Kohnstamm & Co.) and General Color caused environmental contamination of the Camden Property and property owned by Pleasant Gardens, which is located adjacent to the Camden Property (“Adjacent Property”). A copy of the New Jersey Action complaint is attached as Exhibit D.

33. Sensient filed a third party complaint against the above-named Defendants, among others, in the New Jersey Action, alleging claims for contribution, indemnification and unjust enrichment. On or about February 3, 2006, the Court dismissed Sensient’s third party complaint on the grounds that it lacked personal jurisdiction over Defendants.

34. On or about March 16, 2007, Sensient was named as a defendant in an action commenced by the Justice Department of the United States (“DOJ”) regarding the Camden Property. That matter is entitled *United States v. Sensient Colors Inc.* (“DOJ Action”), and was filed in United States District Court of New Jersey, Case No. 1:07-cv-1275. The DOJ’s complaint seeks to recover costs incurred and to be incurred in response to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at or from the Camden Property under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended

(“CERCLA”) 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a). A copy of the DOJ Action complaint is attached as Exhibit E.

35. Among other things, the complaint in the DOJ Action alleges that from approximately 1922 to 1988, Kohnstamm & Co. owned and operated a facility on the Camden Property, and that during that time, various hazardous substances were disposed of there. It also alleges that from approximately March 1998 to December 2006, the EPA conducted removal activities at the Site, and has incurred over \$16 million in “response” costs.

36. To date, Sensient has incurred response costs in excess of \$75,000.

37. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

COUNT I
CONTRIBUTION - CERCLA § 113 (F)(1)

38. Sensient incorporates each of the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 37 as if fully set forth herein.

39. CERCLA § 113(f)(1), 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(1), authorizes any person to “seek contribution from any other person who is liable or potentially liable under [CERCLA § 107(a)], during or following any civil action under [CERCLA § 106 or 107(a)].”

40. Each of the Defendants is a person liable or potentially liable under CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), for all necessary costs of response incurred at or from the Camden Property.

41. Each of the Defendants is a “person,” and an “owner” and/or “operator” of the Camden Property, as such terms are defined by CERCLA § 101 (21), (20(A)), 42 U.S.C. § 9601 (20(A), 21), at the times of “disposal” of hazardous substances at the Camden Property pursuant to CERCLA § 107(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a)(2).

42. The Camden Property is a “facility,” and “hazardous substances” have been “release[d]” from the Camden Property, as such terms are defined by CERCLA § 101 (9), (14) & (22), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9), (14) & (22).

43. The complaint in the DOJ Action alleges that the release and threatened release of hazardous substances at the Camden Property has caused and continues to cause necessary costs of response consistent with the National Contingency Plan pursuant to CERCLA § 107(a)(2-4), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a)(2-4).

44. Sensient has been named as a defendant in the DOJ Action, which seeks to recover costs incurred and to be incurred in response to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at or from the Camden Property under CERCLA § 107(a).

45. If Sensient is adjudged to be responsible under CERCLA § 107(a) in the DOJ Action, then pursuant to CERCLA § 113(f), 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f), Sensient is entitled to contribution from Defendants for those damages, natural resources damages, restoration and response costs Sensient has incurred and will incur in connection with the Camden Property and Adjacent Property, with cost allocation based upon such equitable factors as the Court deems appropriate.

COUNT II
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT - CERCLA § 113(G)(2) AND 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 & 2202

46. Sensient incorporates each of the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 45 as if fully set forth herein.

47. CERCLA § 113(g)(2), 42 U.S.C. § 9613(g)(2), authorizes a court to “enter a declaratory judgment on liability for response costs or damages that will be binding on any subsequent action or actions to recover further response costs or damages.”

48. By reason of the foregoing, Sensient is entitled to a declaratory judgment, regarding liability for future response costs, damages and natural resource damages that will be binding upon any subsequent action or actions to recover future response costs, damages or natural resource damages, declaring that each of the Defendants is liable for past and future damages, natural resources damages and response costs associated with the Site, pursuant to the provisions of § 113(g)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(g)(2), and 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

COUNT III
CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE SPILL ACT

49. Sensient incorporates each of the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 48 as if fully set forth herein.

50. Under the New Jersey Spill Compensation and Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 *et seq.* (the “Spill Act”), any person responsible for a discharge of hazardous substances is strictly liable, jointly and severally, without regard to fault, for all cleanup and removal costs no matter by whom incurred.

51. The term “person responsible for a discharge” is defined at N.J.A.C. 7:1E-1.6 to include: (a) any person whose act or omission results or has resulted in a discharge; (b) each owner or operator of a facility from which a discharge has occurred; (c) any person who owns or controls any hazardous substance which is discharged; (d) any person who has directly or indirectly caused a discharge; and (e) any person who has allowed a discharge to occur.

52. The ECRA application submitted to the NJDEP by or on behalf of each of the Defendants admitted that they, as Kohnstamm Family Shareholders, were the beneficial and equitable owners of the Camden Property. Accordingly, they are persons responsible for a discharge.

53. The ECRA application submitted to the NJDEP by or on behalf of each of the Defendants admitted that they, as Kohnstamm Family Shareholders, controlled Kohnstamm & Co. and, therefore, the Camden Property. Accordingly, they are persons responsible for a discharge.

54. To the extent that it is determined that Sensient is required to pay for cleanup and removal costs at the Camden Property and/or the Adjacent Property, Defendants are liable in contribution to Sensient pursuant to the Spill Act.

COUNT IV
CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE SPILL ACT - VEIL PIERCING

55. Sensient incorporates each of the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 54 as if fully set forth herein.

56. The plaintiff in the New Jersey Action alleges that Sensient discharged hazardous substances, as defined in the Spill Act, on or in the vicinity of the Camden Property and the Adjacent Property.

57. The plaintiff in the New Jersey Action alleges that, as a result of such discharges, Sensient is liable under the Spill Act for the environmental contamination at the Camden Property and the Adjacent Property.

58. Since Defendants avoided the costs associated with an environmental investigation and remediation of contamination at and emanating from the Camden Property by representing to the NJDEP that there was no relevant distinction between themselves, as Kohnstamm Family Shareholders, and Kohnstamm & Co. (now known as Sensient) or General Color, the liability of Defendants under the Spill Act is co-extensive with the liability of Sensient and General Color.

59. To the extent that it is determined that Sensient is required to pay for cleanup and removal costs at the Camden Property and/or the Adjacent Property, Defendants are liable in contribution to Sensient pursuant to the Spill Act, including, but not limited to, that share of liability attributable to General Color.

COUNT V
CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE JOINT TORTFEASORS CONTRIBUTION ACT – NEW JERSEY ACTION

60. Sensient incorporates each of the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 59 as if fully set forth herein.

61. Pursuant to the New Jersey Joint Tortfeasors Contribution Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-1, *et seq.*, a joint tortfeasor has a right of contribution from any other joint tortfeasor.

62. In the event that Sensient is adjudged to be liable in the New Jersey Action for any judgment, damages, costs or any other expenses relating to the Camden Property and/or the Adjacent Property, Sensient is entitled to and hereby seeks contribution from Defendants for all such judgments, damages, costs and expenses.

COUNT VI
CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE JOINT TORTFEASORS CONTRIBUTION ACT – DOJ ACTION

63. Sensient incorporates each of the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 62 as if fully set forth herein.

64. Pursuant to the New Jersey Joint Tortfeasors Contribution Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-1, *et seq.*, a joint tortfeasor has a right of contribution from any other joint tortfeasor.

65. In the event that Sensient is adjudged to be liable in the DOJ Action for any judgment, damages, costs or any other expenses relating to the Camden Property, Sensient is entitled to and hereby seeks contribution from Defendants for all such judgments, damages, costs and expenses.

COUNT VII
COMMON LAW INDEMNIFICATION

66. Sensient incorporates each of the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 65 as if fully set forth herein.

67. To the extent that any environmental contamination at the Camden Property and/or the Adjacent Property was caused or contributed to by operations at the Camden Property, such operations occurred prior to the 1988 acquisition of Kohnstamm & Co. (now known as Sensient) by Universal Foods. Prior to 1988, Kohnstamm & Co. was controlled by the Kohnstamm Family Shareholders, including Defendants, and they were the beneficial and equitable owners of the Camden Property. As between Sensient and Defendants, responsibility, if any, for the relief sought in the New Jersey Action and/or the DOJ Action rests on Defendants because of their primary responsibility for the environmental condition of the Camden Property and any contamination of the Camden Property and/or the Adjacent Property related thereto. Accordingly, Defendants are obligated to indemnify Sensient, whose responsibility, if any, is passive and secondary, for any and all sums which Sensient has paid or may be compelled to pay, including attorney's fees, if Sensient is held liable for any relief sought in the New Jersey Action and/or the DOJ Action.

COUNT VIII
UNJUST ENRICHMENT

68. Sensient incorporates each of the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 67 as if fully set forth herein.

69. Defendants have been enriched by their acts and omissions which allowed them to avoid the costs of investigating and remediating the environmental condition of the Camden Property and any contamination caused or contributed to by the operations of Kohnstamm & Co.

70. These acts and omissions allowed Defendants to save substantial sums they should have expended in order to investigate and remediate pursuant to ECRA environmental contamination arising from the operation of the business they owned and controlled.

71. These acts and omissions also allowed Defendants to receive substantially more from Universal Foods in exchange for their shares of Kohnstamm & Co. than they would have received if the conditions at and emanating from the Camden Property had been properly investigated and remediated prior to the property transfer. As such, Defendants have knowingly and wrongfully received benefits to which they are not entitled. It would be unjust for Defendants to retain those benefits.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Sensient prays that judgment be entered as follows:

1. In favor of Sensient and against Defendants for contribution under the Spill Act, up to and including any amounts Sensient has paid or may be required to pay in connection with the New Jersey Action, and attorneys' fees and costs relating to the New Jersey Action;
2. In favor of Sensient and against Defendants for contribution under the Joint Tortfeasors and Contribution Act, up to and including any amounts Sensient has paid or may be required to pay in connection with the New Jersey Action, and attorneys' fees and costs relating to the New Jersey Action;
3. In favor of Sensient and against Defendants for contribution under the Joint Tortfeasors and Contribution Act, up to and including any amounts Sensient has paid or may be required to pay in connection with the DOJ Action, and attorneys' fees and costs relating to the DOJ Action;

4. In favor of Sensient and against Defendants for indemnification for and including any amounts Sensient has paid or may be required to pay in connection with the New Jersey Action, and attorneys' fees and costs relating to the New Jersey Action;

5. In favor of Sensient and against Defendants for indemnification for and including any amounts Sensient has paid or may be required to pay in connection with the DOJ Action, and attorneys' fees and costs relating to the DOJ Action;

6. In favor of Sensient and against Defendants for disgorgement of Defendants' profits from the sale of their Kohnstamm & Co. shares to Universal Foods;

7. In favor of Sensient and against Defendants for contribution under CERCLA § 113(f)(1), for those damages and response costs associated with the Camden Property that Sensient may incur in connection with the DOJ Action;

8. In favor of Sensient and against Defendants, declaring that the Defendants are liable under CERCLA § 113(g)(2) for past and future damages and response costs associated with the Camden Property; and

9. In favor of Sensient and against Defendants for all attorneys' fees, costs of suit, and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York
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AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF REORGANIZATION
BY AND BETWEEN
UNIVERSAL FOODS CORPORATION
(a Wisconsin corporation) ("Universal Foods"),
H. KOHNSTAMM & CO., INC.
(a New York corporation) (the "Company"),
GENERAL COLOR COMPANY
(a New Jersey corporation) ("General Color"),
AND THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY
WHO HAVE EXECUTED THIS AGREEMENT
(the "Selling Shareholders")

December 11, 1987

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Exhibit J	Opinion of T. M. O'Reilly

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AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF REORGANIZATION (the "Agreement"), dated as of December 11, 1987, by and between UNIVERSAL FOODS CORPORATION, a Wisconsin corporation ("Universal Foods"), H. KOHNSTAMM & CO., INC, a New York corporation (the "Company"), GENERAL COLOR COMPANY, a New Jersey corporation ("General Color"), and the shareholders of the Company who have executed this Agreement on the signature pages hereof personally or by power of attorney (individually referred to herein as "Selling Shareholder" and collectively as "Selling Shareholders").

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, Universal Foods is a duly organized and incorporated Wisconsin corporation.

WHEREAS, the Company is a duly organized and incorporated New York corporation; its authorized capital stock consists of 10,000 shares of preferred stock, \$100 par value ("Company Preferred Stock"), of which 2,000 shares are duly and validly issued and 2,000 shares are outstanding on the date hereof; and 3,000,000 shares of common stock, \$2 par value ("Company Common Stock"), of which 1,057,752 shares are duly and validly issued and 1,012,292 shares are outstanding and entitled to vote on the date hereof (the Company

Preferred Stock and the Company Common Stock are collectively referred to herein as "Company Capital Stock").

WHEREAS, the Selling Shareholders own in the aggregate approximately eighty percent (80%) of the Company's issued and outstanding Company Common Stock.

WHEREAS, certain of the larger holders of Company Capital Stock will be asked to execute this Agreement either personally or by power of attorney.

WHEREAS, Universal Foods desires to acquire all of such Company Capital Stock held by the Selling Shareholders, and each Selling Shareholder desires to exchange all Company Capital Stock owned by such Selling Shareholder with Universal Foods for Universal Foods common stock, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to use the share exchange procedure available under Section 913 of the New York Business Corporation Law ("NYBCL §913") to implement the foregoing exchange.

WHEREAS, prior to such exchange it is intended that the Company transfer certain of its assets to a wholly-owned subsidiary and split-up that subsidiary to certain of its shareholders in a transaction intended to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Sections 355 and 368(a)(1)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

WHEREAS, for Federal income tax purposes it is intended that the reorganization contemplated herein shall qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(B) of the Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements, covenants and provisions herein-after set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

EXCHANGE OF STOCK

1.0 Exchange of Company Capital Stock for Universal Foods Common Stock.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, on the Closing Date (as hereinafter defined), each Selling Shareholder will exchange, sell, transfer, assign, convey and deliver, and cause to be exchanged, sold, transferred, assigned, conveyed and delivered, to Universal Foods, all of the issued and outstanding Company Capital Stock owned by each such Selling Shareholder as further described on the attached Schedule A, and Universal Foods will purchase and accept all of such shares.

(b) For each share of Company Preferred Stock, Universal Foods shall exchange such number of shares of Universal Foods common stock, \$.10 par value ("UF Common Stock"), calculated by dividing \$100 (the par value of a share of Company Preferred Stock) by a number equal to the

workpapers and documents used in preparing the proposed Closing Balance Sheet. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of the proposed Closing Balance Sheet, Universal Foods shall communicate to the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders in writing any dispute or disagreement with respect to any aspect of the proposed Closing Balance Sheet. In the event that the Selling Shareholders, Universal Foods and their respective independent certified public accountants are unable to resolve any dispute or disagreement with respect to the Closing Balance Sheet, the dispute or disagreement shall be finally resolved by a mutually agreeable Big Eight accounting firm, whose fees and expenses shall be borne one-half (1/2) by the Company and one-half (1/2) by the Selling Shareholders. Within three (3) days after the final Closing Balance Sheet has been prepared, Universal Foods shall transfer to the Escrow Agent shares of UF Common Stock and/or cash, if any, then due the Selling Shareholders based upon the final Closing Balance Sheet, or the Escrow Agent shall return to Universal Foods such shares of UF Common Stock and/or cash, if any, transferred to the Escrow Agent on the Closing Date in excess of the aggregate purchase price as finally determined based upon the final Closing Balance Sheet.

1.2 Adjustments to Book Value. For purposes of determining the Adjusted Book Value as defined in Paragraph 1.1 hereof, the book value of the Company shall be adjusted

in the following amounts upon the occurrence of the following events subsequent to July 25, 1987 but prior to the Closing:

(a) Distribution of all of the capital stock of General Color, wholly-owned by the Company, to the Kohnstamm Family Shareholders in a split-up. Book Value shall be decreased by an amount equal to the book value of General Color Company on the day immediately prior to the date of the split-up determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied. The Company's Camden, New Jersey real property (including all property, plant and equipment at such location) shall be transferred by a quit-claim deed to General Color prior to the split-up, but the Book Value shall not be reduced by reason thereof.

(b) Incurrence by the Company of certain selling and other expenses. Book Value shall be decreased by an amount equal to (i) 50% of the first \$200,000 of the Company's Selling Expenses (as hereinafter defined), plus (ii) 100% of such Selling Expenses in excess of \$200,000 paid by the Company on or prior to the Closing Date or accrued by the Company as of the Closing Date. For purposes of this Paragraph 1.2(b), Selling Expenses shall include the accounting and legal fees, investment banking fees and other expenses in connection with the negotiation and execution of this Agreement, amounts paid at the Direction of the Company in settlement of consulting agreements, employment agreements and supplemental pension

agreements of which the Company is a party, and such other accruals for additional severance or other payments as Universal Foods and the Selling Shareholders shall mutually deem necessary, appropriate or convenient, all of which expenses will be set forth on the Statement of Selling Expenses to be delivered to Universal Foods on or prior to the Closing. The Statement of Selling Expenses shall include a list identifying each person known to be entitled to severance pay, the amount due each such person and such other information as Universal Foods shall reasonably request.

(c) Creation of an escrow fund as of the Closing Date for the expenses of the Agents (the "Agents' Expense Fund") in an amount to be determined by the Company. An amount equal to the amount transferred to the Agents' Expense Fund shall be deducted from the Book Value in determining Adjusted Book Value. Upon the transfer on the Closing Date of the amount provided above to the Agents' Expense Fund, neither Universal Foods nor the Company shall have any further liability or obligation with respect to the Agents' Expense Fund.

1.3 Delivery of UF Common Stock.

(a) As soon as practicable (but in no event more than 72 hours) after the Closing Date, Universal Foods shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to or for the benefit of each of the Selling Shareholders exchanging Company Common

2.21 Compliance with Applicable Laws. The Company in the conduct of its business is in compliance with all foreign, Federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations applicable to them, the enforcement of which, if any one were not in compliance, would have a material adverse effect on the Company.

2.22 General Color. The Company has no material agreement with General Color which will remain in effect after the split-up of General Color to the Kohnstamm Family Shareholders, nor will there be on the Closing Date any material liability or obligation owed to or remaining with the Company arising out of or resulting from such split-up or the business, operations, activities or ownership of assets of General Color (including the business, operations, activities or ownership of the Camden, New Jersey facility transferred by the Company to General Color prior to the split-up) at any time prior to such split-up. No asset owned, controlled or used by General Color at the time of the split-up is or will be material to the continued operation of the Company's business (except to the extent otherwise provided in the Supply Contract). The split-up of General Color to the Kohnstamm Family Shareholders will comply in all respects with Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 ("Code") and the rules and regulations thereunder, and neither the

Company nor Universal Foods will incur any obligation, liability or damage as a result of such split-up.

2.23 Disclosure. No representation or warranty by the Company or any Selling Shareholder in this Agreement nor any statement, certificate or exhibit furnished to or to be furnished by the Company or any Selling Shareholder pursuant to this Agreement or any document or certificate delivered to Universal Foods pursuant to this Agreement or in connection with the transactions contemplated herein contains or will contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omits or will omit a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading.

ARTICLE III

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF UNIVERSAL FOODS

Universal Foods makes the following representations and warranties, each of which is true and correct on the date hereof and each of which will be true on the Closing Date, each of which shall be unaffected by any investigation hereto or hereafter made by or on behalf of the Company or any Selling Shareholder and each will survive the Closing and the transactions contemplated hereby:

3.0 Corporate. Universal Foods is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under Wisconsin law with all requisite corporate power to carry out the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

prior to the Closing Date, all consents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

5.2 Antitrust Laws. The Selling Shareholders and the Company will furnish to Universal Foods such necessary information and reasonable assistance as Universal Foods may request in connection with its preparation of necessary filings or submissions to any governmental agency.

5.3 Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act. The Selling Shareholders and the Company shall promptly take all necessary steps to obtain a determination(s) of ECRA nonapplicability ("Determination") for the transactions contemplated hereby from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") under ECRA for all New Jersey real property. This shall include, but not be limited to, a prompt filing of a complete initial notice to the NJDEP, and a prompt application for a favorable determination. Copies of all submissions and correspondence and other communications both to and from the Selling Shareholders and the Company which relate to ECRA shall be promptly forwarded to Universal Foods.

5.4 Supplement to Disclosure Schedule. From time to time prior to the Closing Date, the Company and the Selling Shareholders will promptly supplement or amend the Disclosure Schedule with respect to any matter hereafter arising which, if existing or occurring at the date of this Agreement, would

and the rules of the New York and Pacific Stock Exchanges, no public announcement or other publicity regarding this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be made by Universal Foods, the Company, General Color or any Selling Shareholder without the express written approval of the other parties as to form, content, timing and manner of distribution of such announcements or other publicity.

13.13 Additional Financial Statements. The Selling Shareholders agree for and on behalf of the Company to provide Universal Foods with such additional accounting information which shall be deemed necessary by Universal Foods in satisfying its obligation to file a Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission to report this transaction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed all as of the day and year first above written.

UNIVERSAL FOODS CORPORATION
("Universal Foods")

By: J. L. Murray

Its: CEO

[Corporate Seal]

Attest: T. M. O. Reilly

Its: Sec.

H. KOHNSTAMM & CO., INC.
("Company")

By: _____
Its: _____

[Corporate Seal]

Attest: _____
Its: _____

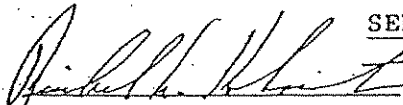
GENERAL COLOR COMPANY
("General Color")

By: _____
Its: _____

[Corporate Seal]

Attest: _____
Its: _____

SELLING SHAREHOLDERS

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Attorney-in-Fact

UNIVERSAL FOODS CORPORATION
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By: _____
Its: _____

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Attest: _____
Its: _____

H. KOHNSTAMM & CO., INC.
("Company")

By: Paul L. Kohnstamm
Its: Chairman & CEO

[Seal]

Attest: [Signature]
Its: Secretary

GENERAL COLOR COMPANY
("General Color")

By: Paul L. Kohnstamm
Its: President

[Corporate Seal]

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Its: Secretary

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SHAREHOLDERS AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT made this 7th day of September, 1988, among those shareholders of H. Kohnstamm & Co., Inc., a New York corporation (the "Company") who have executed this Agreement and are named in Schedule A attached hereto.

WHEREAS, the Company, General Color Company, a New Jersey corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("General Color"), Universal Foods Corporation, a Wisconsin corporation ("Universal Foods") and certain shareholders of the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated December 11, 1987 (the "Reorganization Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Reorganization Agreement contemplates a tax free exchange of shares of common stock and preferred stock of the Company for shares of common stock of Universal Foods (the "Exchange"); and

WHEREAS, immediately prior to the Exchange, it is contemplated that certain real estate owned by the Company shall be transferred to General Color and the shares of General Color shall then be distributed, tax free, to certain shareholders of the Company (the "Split-up") who are members of the families of Paul L. Kohnstamm and Richard L. Kohnstamm (the "Kohnstamm Family Shareholders"); and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve the tax free nature of the Exchange and the Split-up it is necessary for the parties to this

Agreement to make certain undertakings with respect to the Exchange and Split-up.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Holding Period of Shares. The parties to this Agreement covenant and agree that they shall hold their shares of Universal Foods common stock received as a result of the Exchange and their shares of General Color common stock received as a result of the Split-up for a period of at least one (1) year from the date of the Closing (as defined in the Reorganization Agreement), and shall not sell, transfer, assign or otherwise dispose of such shares until the expiration of one (1) year from the date of Closing.
2. Legend on Shares. The certificates for the shares of UF common stock and General Color common stock shall contain legends which refer to the restrictions on transfer set forth in this Agreement.
3. Change of Circumstances. In the event that a party to this Agreement suffers or undergoes a change in his personal financial circumstances, such party may request of General Color that he be allowed to transfer his shares, and such request may be granted by General Color provided that counsel for General Color is of the opinion that such transfer shall not have any adverse effect on the tax free reorganization effected by the Exchange or the tax free distribution effected by the Split-up.
4. Miscellaneous. This Agreement sets forth the complete understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the

subject matter hereof, and may not be modified or terminated, nor may any of its provisions be waived, except by an agreement in writing signed by all the parties hereto. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

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EXHIBIT A

KOHNSTAMM FAMILY SHAREHOLDERS

<u>Beneficial Owner</u>	<u>Record Holder</u>	<u>Shares of Company Common Stock Owned</u>
David C. Beal	David Curtis Beal	100
Emily K. Beal	Emily K. Beal	17,000
Abby F. Kohnstamm	Abby F. Kohnstamm	100
Daniel Frank Kohnstamm	Daniel Frank Kohnstamm	14,634
David Kohnstamm	Cede & Co.*	7,009
Elizabeth Bryan Kohnstamm	Elizabeth Bryan Kohnstamm	100
Jeffrey Kohnstamm	Cede & Co.*	7,009
John Kohnstamm	Cede & Co.*	7,009
Joshua G. Kohnstamm	Cede & Co.*	17,475
Kevin Kohnstamm	Cede & Co.*	7,009
Mary L. Kohnstamm	Cede & Co.**	21,450
Paul Kenneth Kohnstamm	Paul Kenneth Kohnstamm	15,817
Paul L. Kohnstamm	Paul L. Kohnstamm Cede & Co.	180,138 146,787
Peter L. Kohnstamm	Cede & Co.**	13,951
Peter L. Kohnstamm, cust. Sarah Francis Kohnstamm, UGMA	Cede & Co.**	2,500

* Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith, Inc.

** Shearson Lehman Hutton, Inc.

Richard L. Kohnstamm	Richard L. Kohnstamm	886
	Richard Kohnstamm	7,085
	Cede & Co.	132,388
Ricka Robb Kohnstamm	Ricka Rob Kohnstamm	100
Elizabeth K. Ogden	Elizabeth K. Ogden	350
Richard L. Ogden	Leslie P. Ogden	175
Thomas H. Ogden	Leslie P. Ogden	175
Naomi Ellen Perman, cust. Adam Michael Kohnstamm, UGMA	Naomi Ellen Perman cust. Adam Michael Kohnstamm, UGMA	11,000
Charles J. Piven	Charles J. Piven	105
Charles J. Piven, cust. Matthew Beck Piven, UGMA	Charles J. Piven, cust. Matthew Beck Piven, UGMA	3,915
Katherine Piven	Katherine Piven	15,123
Katherine Piven & Charles Piven, cust. Benjamin K. Piven, UGMA	Katherine Piven & Charles Piven, cust. Benjamin K. Piven, UGMA	11,000
Trust u/w of Lothair S. Kohnstamm f/b/o Elizabeth Kohnstamm; Paul L. Kohnstamm, Richard L. Kohnstamm and U.S. Trust Co., Trustees	Atwell & Co.*	45,702
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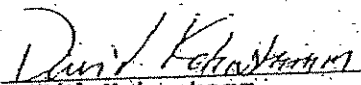
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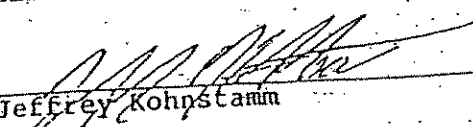
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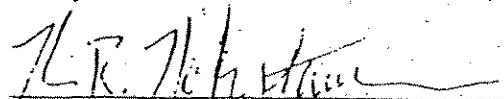
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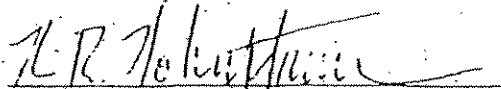
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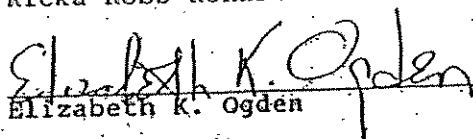
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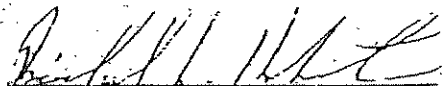
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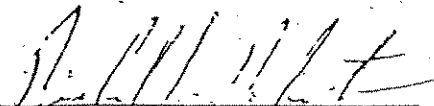
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Newark, NJ 07102-4578

OCT 21 1987

RE: H. Kohnstamm & Co., Inc.
Camden City, Camden County
Newark City, Essex County
#N73402

Dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

This is in response to your letter dated 08/31/87 concerning the applicability of the Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act (ECRA) to the above referenced company. On the basis of the sworn statements set forth in the affidavit signed by Daniel Kaufman, the Department finds that these transactions are not subject to the provisions of ECRA.

This decision is made in light of the absence of a transaction covered by the Act. The transfer of Kohnstamm's Camden facility to General Color Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Kohnstamm, and the transfer of General Color Company to Kohnstamm's shareholders on a pro-rata basis is considered a corporate reorganization not substantially affecting the ownership of the Industrial Establishments. However, the sale of the stock of H. Kohnstamm & Co., Inc. to a third party, also mentioned in number 4, letter C of the affidavit signed by Mr. Kaufman, would be a transaction covered by ECRA. Any inaccuracies in the affidavit or subsequent changes in the facts as stated therein could alter the Department's determination.

The inapplicability of the Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act (ECRA) to this transaction does not relieve the above referenced of any responsibilities under any other environmental statutes, regulations or permits.

Moreover, this determination of ECRA nonapplicability does not constitute any finding by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as to the current site condition or the existence or non-existence of any hazards to the environment at this location.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Mark Fisher at (609) 633-7141.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Talvo

Michael DeTalvo, Supervisor
Bureau of ECRA Applicability and
Compliance

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August 31, 1987

RE: H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc.
Application for a Letter or Non-Applicability

Lance R. Miller, Chief
Industrial Site Evaluation Element
Department of Environmental Protection
CN 028, 401 E. State Street, 5th flr.
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Mr. Miller:

We represent H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc. ("Kohnstamm"). I write to request a determination by the Industrial Site Evaluation Element ("ISEE") that the transaction described below does not fall within the regulatory jurisdiction of the New Jersey Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act of 1983, N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6, et seq. ("ECRA"). We support this request for a determination of non-applicability with the Affidavit of Daniel Kaufman ("Kaufman Aff."), sworn to on August 17, 1987. We also enclose our certified check in the amount of \$100.

Description of Kohnstamm

Kohnstamm is a New York corporation with its principal place of business at 161 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10013. Kaufman Aff. ¶ 2. Kohnstamm is a closely held company having approximately 300 shareholders. Id. Approximately 75% of the Common Stock is held, directly or in trust, by members 10087/159

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of the Kohnstamm family. Id.

Kohnstamm manufactures and sells flavors, certified colors and industrial pigments. Kohnstamm has three operating divisions: (1) the flavor division, which produces a variety of synthetic and natural flavors at a facility in Kearny, New Jersey; (2) the color division, which manufactures a variety of certified colors for use in the food, drug and cosmetic industries at a facility located at 31st Street and Lemuel Avenue, Camden, New Jersey (the "Camden facility"); and (3) General Color Company, a wholly owned subsidiary, which manufactures Cadmium pigments at its facility at 24 Avenue B, Newark, New Jersey (the "Newark facility").

The Proposed Transaction

Kohnstamm and its shareholders currently plan to undertake the following actions:

- a. Transfer of the Camden facility from Kohnstamm to General Color;
- b. Spin off of General Color on a pro-rata basis to Kohnstamm's shareholders; and
- c. Sale of the stock of Kohnstamm to a third-party in a tax free stock for stock exchange.

Kaufman Aff. ¶ 4. As a result of the proposed transaction, beneficial ownership of the Camden and Newark facilities will remain where it is today--in the shareholders of Kohnstamm. Kaufman Aff. ¶ 5. General Color -- which will own the Camden and Newark facilities -- will continue to be owned by the shareholders of Kohnstamm. Kaufman Aff. ¶ 5. The Camden plant will continue in operation--manufacturing and selling colors on a cost-plus basis to the third party for a period not yet determined, but in all events not less than 2-3 years. Id. Thereafter, General Color plans to add some additional, related products at Camden. The Newark facility will continue in operations as well. Id.

Discussion

ECRA applies to owners and/or operators of New Jersey "industrial establishments" upon closure or "transferring operations" of such industrial establishments. N.J.S.A. 13:1K-8(b). ECRA provides, in pertinent part, that "transferring operations" means "any ... transaction or proceeding through which an industrial establishment ... undergoes change in ownership, except for corporate reorganization not substantially affecting the ownership of the industrial establishment, including but not

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limited to sale of stock in the form of a statutory merger or consolidation, sale of the controlling share of the assets, the conveyance of the real property, dissolution of corporate identity, financial reorganization and initiation of bankruptcy proceedings." N.J.S.A. 13:1K-8(b) (Emphasis added).¹

The issue here is whether ECRA applies to:

- 1) the transfer of title of an industrial establishment -- the Camden facility -- from Kohnstamm, the parent.

1. The ECRA Regulations, N.J.A.C. 7:1-3.1, et seq., are to the same effect. Section 7:1-3.18 provides in pertinent part:

(a) For the purposes of this subchapter, the closing, terminating or transferring operations of an industrial establishment shall mean:

Any change in ownership including but not limited to:

- i. sale of stock in the form of a statutory merger or consolidation;
- ii. sale of the controlling share of assets;
- iii. conveyance of the real property;
- iv. dissolution of corporate identity;
- v. financial reorganization, and
- vi. initiation of bankruptcy proceedings.

(b) For the purposes of (a)(4)i through vi above and this subchapter corporate reorganization not substantially affecting the ownership of the industrial establishment shall not be considered any change in ownership. (Emphasis added).

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entity, to its wholly-owned subsidiary; followed by

- 2) the transfer of the shares of General Color to the shareholders of Kohnstamm.

Although such a transaction results in a formal "change of ownership", we believe that this transaction falls within the statutory exception for "corporate reorganizations not substantially affecting the ownership" of the industrial establishment. N.J.S.A. 13:1K-8(b); N.J.A.C. 7:1-3.18. We reach this conclusion since, both before and after the Closing of the proposed transaction, the shareholders of Kohnstamm remain beneficial and equitable owners of General Color's assets, including the two industrial establishments. We believe that a contrary result would be at odds with the statutory language, construed in light of independently valid principles of New Jersey corporate law.

Both the statute and the interpretative regulations provide that ECRA does not apply to a "corporate reorganization not substantially affecting the ownership" of the industrial establishment. N.J.S.A. 13:1K-8(b); N.J.A.C. 7:1-3.18. It is clear from the statutory structure that this provision was intended to create an exception to ECRA's coverage for certain types of transactions that nevertheless entail formal, as opposed to beneficial, changes in ownership of New Jersey industrial establishments, thereby permitting the deployment and redeployment of corporate assets whose beneficial ownership is unchanged.

In this case, both components of the two step transaction fall within the "corporate reorganization" exception. The transfer of the Camden plant from Kohnstamm to General Color does not "substantially affect the ownership of th[at] industrial establishment", since beneficial ownership at all times remains in the present shareholders of Kohnstamm. Similarly, the spin off transaction preserves beneficial and equitable ownership of General Color's assets -- including the Newark and Camden industrial establishments -- in the Kohnstamm shareholders. After the spin off, these shareholders will own directly what they formerly owned indirectly by virtue of their Kohnstamm shares. It follows that the sale of the Kohnstamm shares to the third party will not result in a change in ownership of the Newark or Camden facilities, since these facilities will no longer be assets of

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Kohnstamm.²

In short, the proposed transaction is not covered by ECRA, either in logic or in law. A determination of non-applicability is appropriate for legal and policy reasons, and we respectfully request the issuance of such a Ruling from the ISEE.

Very truly yours,

Daniel L. Rabinowitz
Daniel L. Rabinowitz

DLR/gc

cc: Ms. Barbara Strollo (w/enclosure)
Enclosures

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2. In the event the sale of stock to the third-party is completed in the manner presently planned, the Kearny facility will, of course, be transferred. However, we believe that the Kearny plant falls outside the SIC codes covered by ECRA and it is anticipated that a request for a Letter of Non-Applicability will be submitted with respect to this facility. In the event NJDEP does not issue a Letter of Non-Applicability with respect to the Kearny facility, Kohnstamm will undertake ECRA compliance with respect to that facility.

In the Matter of
H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc.--
Application for a Letter of
Non-Applicability with respect
to facilities at Newark, New
Jersey and Camden, New Jersey

Affidavit of
Daniel Kaufman

STATE OF NEW YORK :

SS.

COUNTY OF NEW YORK :

DANIEL KAUFMAN, of full age, duly sworn according to
law, upon his oath deposes and says:

1. I am Vice President of H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc.
("Kohnstamm"). I submit this Affidavit in connection with
Kohnstamm's Application for an Applicability/Non-Applicability
Determination with respect to a proposed transaction (described
below) involving Kohnstamm's facilities at Camden and Newark, New
Jersey.

Description of Kohnstamm

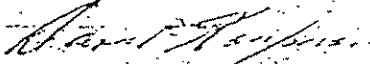
2. Kohnstamm is a New York corporation with its
principal place of business at 161 Avenue of the Americas, New

Kohnstamm's shareholders; and

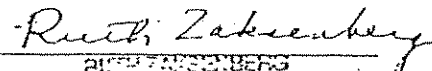
c. Sale of the stock of Kohnstamm to a third-party in a tax free stock for stock exchange.

5. As a result of the proposed transaction, beneficial ownership of the Camden and Newark facilities will remain where it is today--in the shareholders of Kohnstamm. General Color -- which will own the Camden and Newark facilities -- will continue to be owned by the former shareholders of Kohnstamm. The Camden plant will continue in operation--manufacturing and selling colors on a cost-plus basis to the third party for a period not yet determined, but in all events not less than 2-3 years. Thereafter, the Kohnstamm Board of Directors expects that General Color will add some additional, related products at Camden. It is anticipated that the Newark facility will continue in operations as well.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF NEW YORK) ss.


Daniel Kaufman

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 17th day
of August , 1987


RUTH ZAKSBERG
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
No. 91-4813351
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires February 24, 1990



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Mr. Daniel Rabinowitz
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RE: H. Kohnstamm & Co.
Camden City, Camden County
Newark City, Essex County
#N80293

JAN 27 1988

Dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

This is in response to your letter dated 1/12/88, concerning the applicability of the Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act (ECRA) to the above referenced company. On the basis of the sworn statements set forth in the affidavit signed by Daniel Kaufman, the Department finds that this transaction is not subject to the provisions of ECRA.

This decision is made in light of the absence of a transaction covered by the Act. The transfer of Kohnstamm's Camden facility to General Color Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Kohnstamm, and the transfer of General Color Company to Kohnstamm's shareholders, who are members of the Kohnstamm family on a pro-rata basis are considered corporate reorganizations not substantially affecting the ownership of the Industrial Establishments. In addition, the initiation of a supply contract between General Color and a third party is not a ECRA trigger. Any inaccuracies in the affidavit or subsequent changes in the facts as stated therein could alter the Department's determination.

The inapplicability of the Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act (ECRA) to this transaction does not relieve the above referenced of any responsibilities under any other environmental statutes, regulations or permits.

In addition, this determination of ECRA nonapplicability does not constitute any finding by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as to the current site condition or existence or nonexistence of any hazards to the environment at this location.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Mark Fisher at (609) 633-7141.

Sincerely,

Michael DeTalvo

Michael DeTalvo, Supervisor
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January 12, 1988

Mr. Lance R. Miller
New Jersey Department of Environmental
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Bureau of Industrial Site
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DRAFT

Re: H. Kohnstamm & Co., Inc.
Application for a Letter
of Non-Applicability

Dear Mr. Miller:

We represent H. Kohnstamm & Co., Inc. ("Kohnstamm"). On October 21, 1987, the Industrial Site Evaluation Element ("ISEE") issued a Letter of Non-Applicability with regard to a transaction involving Kohnstamm's facilities at Camden and Newark, New Jersey. Since the issuance of the letter, the terms of the proposed transaction have changed slightly. Because we believe the transaction as amended is not subject to ECRA, we submit this amended Application for a Letter of Non-Applicability. We support the Application with the Supplemental Affidavit of Daniel Kaufman which describes the modest changes that have taken place in the structure of the transaction.

As set forth in the initial Affidavit of Daniel Kaufman, Kohnstamm is a New York corporation with its principal place

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of business in New York city. Kohnstamm manufactures flavors, certified colors and industrial pigments. Kohnstamm's color division manufactures a variety of certified colors at a facility in Camden, New Jersey. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Kohnstamm, General Color Company ("General Color"), manufactures Cadmium pigments at a facility in Newark, New Jersey.

In the initial LNA application, Kohnstamm reported that it planned to undertake the following actions:

- a. Transfer of the Camden facility from Kohnstamm to General Color;
- b. Spin-off of the stock of General Color on a pro-rata basis to Kohnstamm's stockholders; and
- c. Sale of the stock of Kohnstamm to a third party.

As set forth in the initial Affidavit, it was anticipated that General Color would continue to manufacture colors at Camden on a cost-plus basis for the third party buyer for an undetermined period of not less than 2-3 years, and would thereafter add related, additional products at Camden.¹

As a result of negotiations with the third party, the structure of the transaction will change in the following two respects:

1. The spin-off of General Color's shares will not be on a pro-rata basis. Instead, the stock will be distributed on a pro-rata basis to those stockholders of Kohnstamm who are members of the Kohnstamm family. The Kohnstamm family consists of Paul Kohnstamm, currently the majority owner of Kohnstamm, Richard Kohnstamm, his brother and a director of Kohnstamm, and the spouses, children and grandchildren of Paul and Richard Kohnstamm. This group currently owns approximately 81% of the stock of Kohnstamm.

¹ The Newark facility would continue in operations as well.

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2. General Color and the third party buyer of Kohnstamm will enter into a Supply Contract, pursuant to which General Color will supply certified colors to the buyer. The duration of the Supply Contract is to be as follows:

Duration. The term of this Agreement shall be eighteen (18) months from the date hereof. This Agreement shall continue thereafter for a period of six (6) months, and thereafter from month-to-month, provided, however, that, at any time after the first fifteen (15) months from the date hereof, either party may give notice to the other terminating this Agreement as of a date at least three (3) months after the date of such notice.

After the termination of the Supply Contract, it is anticipated that General Color will add additional products and will continue operations. Except as set forth above, the terms of the transaction will remain as previously disclosed to the ISEE.

The change in the distribution of the shares of General Color described above is being made in substantial part because a pro-rata spin-off would, in the opinion of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which was consulted on the point, require a Registration Statement. This would be expensive, time-consuming and unnecessary in light of the fact that the Kohnstamm family, both before and after the spin-off, will have control of the Company.

In its October 21, 1987 Letter of Non-Applicability, the ISEE found that both the proposed transfer of the Camden facility to General Color and the spin-off of General Color stock to Kohnstamm's stockholders are "corporate reorganization[s] not substantially affecting the ownership of the industrial establishment[s]." We submit the transaction as amended is similarly exempt. At the present time, beneficial ownership of the Camden and Newark facilities

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Supplemental Affidavit of
Daniel Kaufman

STATE OF NEW YORK :
COUNTY OF NEW YORK : SS

Daniel Kaufman, of full age, duly sworn according
to law, upon his oath, deposes and says:

1. I am Vice President of H. Kohnstamm & Co.,
Inc. ("Kohnstamm"). I submit this Supplemental Affidavit
in connection with Kohnstamm's Application for an Applicability/
Non-Applicability Determination with respect to a proposed
transaction involving Kohnstamm's facilities at Camden
and Newark, New Jersey.

2. On August 31, 1987, Kohnstamm submitted
to the Industrial Site Evaluation Element ("ISEE") an
Application for an Applicability/Non-Applicability Determination
with respect to Kohnstamm's facilities at Camden and
Newark. The application was supported by my Affidavit,
(the "initial Affidavit") a copy of which is attached
hereto as Exhibit 1.

3. The transaction concerning which Kohnstamm sought the non-applicability ruling was described in Paragraph 4 of the initial Affidavit. On October 21, 1987, the ISEE issued a Letter of Non-Applicability, finding that the transaction described in Paragraph 4 of the initial Affidavit was not subject to ECRA. A copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit 2.

4. Since August 31, 1987, Kohnstamm has engaged in a negotiation with a third party for the purchase of Kohnstamm's common stock. That negotiation has resulted in two changes in the proposed transaction described in Paragraph 4 of the initial Affidavit. I submit this Affidavit to set forth the nature of these changes and to request that the ISEE determine that the proposed transaction as amended is not subject to ECRA.

The Proposed Transaction.

5. The transaction described in Paragraph 4 of the initial Affidavit will be changed as follows:

A. The spin-off of General Color Company ("General Color") to Kohnstamm shareholders will not be on a pro rata basis. Instead, the stock of General Color will be distributed pro rata to those stockholders of Kohnstamm who are members of the Kohnstamm family. The family consists of Paul Kohnstamm, currently the majority owner of Kohnstamm, Richard Kohnstamm, his brother and a director

of Kohnstamm, and the spouses, children and grandchildren of Paul and Richard. This group currently owns in the aggregate approximately 81% of the outstanding shares of common stock of Kohnstamm. As a result, the shares of General Color will be spread among the holders of 81% of Kohnstamm stock. The controlling interest in the New Jersey industrial establishments will remain where it is today--in the Kohnstamm family.

B. General Color and the third party buyer will enter into a Supply Contract, pursuant to which General Color will supply certified colors to the third party. The duration of the Supply Contract is to be as follows:

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As before, after the termination of the Supply Contract, General Color plans to add new products and to continue in operations.

6. The change in the distribution of the shares of General Color described above is being made in substantial part because a pro-rata spin-off would, in the opinion of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which was consulted on the point, require a Registration Statement. This would be expensive, time consuming and unnecessary in light of the fact that the Kohnstamm family, both before and after the spin-off, will have control of General Color.

7. Except as set forth in this Supplemental Affidavit, the terms of the proposed transaction remain as stated in the initial Affidavit.

Daniel Kaufman

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this day
of , 1988

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

PLEASANT GARDENS REALTY
CORPORATION

Plaintiff

v.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - CAMDEN COUNTY

DOCKET NO:

R 6579-03

Civil Action

H. KOHNSTAMM & COMPANY,
INC.; WARNER-JENKINSON
COMPANY, INC.; SENSIENT
COLORS INC.; SENSIENT
TECHNOLOGIES, formerly known
as Universal Foods Corporation;
UNIVERSAL FOODS
CORPORATION; GENERAL
COLOR COMPANY;
and JOHN SMITH
COMPANIES/INDIVIDUALS 1-20
(fictitious names); J/S/A,

COMPLAINT AND
DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

NOV 26 2007

Defendants.

The Plaintiff, Pleasant Gardens Realty Corporation, a corporation of the State of New Jersey, by way of Complaint against the Defendants, says:

I. PARTIES

1. The Plaintiff, Pleasant Gardens Realty Corporation, is a New Jersey corporation with offices at 550 North 30th Street, Camden, New Jersey.

2. The Defendant, H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc., incorporated under the laws of the State of New York in January, 1922 is currently known as Sensient Colors, Inc

3. The Defendant, Warner-Jenkinson Company, Inc., formerly known as H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc., maintained the corporate status of H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc. under the laws of the State of New York and is currently known as Sensient Colors, Inc.

4. The Defendant, Sensient Colors, Inc., formerly known as H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc. and Warner-Jenkinson Company, Inc., an active corporation under the laws of the State of New York with its original incorporation date of January, 1922.

5. The Defendant, Universal Foods is a corporation under the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

6. The Defendant, Sensient Technologies, formerly known as Universal Foods is a corporation under the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

7. The Defendant, General Color Company is a company incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

8. The Defendant, John Smith Companies/Individuals 1-20 are fictitious names of those entities who, in any way, contributed to the contamination of the Pleasant Gardens Apartments site in the City of Camden, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, whose identities are not presently known to the Plaintiffs.

SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

9. The Plaintiff, Pleasant Gardens Realty Corporation owns and operates an apartment complex on property known as Lot 1, Block 983, and Lots 1 and 20 of Block 985 on the Municipal Tax Map of the City of Camden, Camden County, New Jersey.

10. From approximately 1922 to 1988 the Defendant, H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc. owned the real estate and/or operated a business at 31st Street and Lemuel Street in Camden,

New Jersey (hereinafter the "Site"). The Site is adjacent to the Plaintiff's property as set forth above.

1. In or about 1988, the Defendant, H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc. sold the Site to General Color Company. General Color Company continued operations on the Site until approximately 1997.
12. In or about September of 1990 the Defendant, H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc. amended its Certificate of Incorporation to change its name to Warner-Jenkinson Company, Inc. In December, 2002, the Defendant Warner-Jenkinson Company, Inc., formerly known as H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc. changed its name to Sensient Colors, Inc. Sensient Colors, Inc., formerly known as H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc., continues to operate as a New York Corporation and has a listed registered agent as CT Corporation, 111 8th Avenue, New York, New York, 10011.
13. The Defendant Universal Foods Corporation was a parent company and/or was responsible for the acts or omissions of H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc., Warner-Jenkinson Company, Inc. and Sensient Color, Inc. and/or was otherwise affiliated with these entities in the time period relevant to the causes of action alleged in the Complaint.
14. In or about 2000, Universal Foods Corporation changed its name to Sensient Technologies and remained as the parent of Sensient Colors, Inc., (formerly known as Warner-Jenkinson Company, Inc. and H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc.).
15. In or about November of 2002, an investigation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, revealed that the Defendants had unlawfully released and disposed of hazardous substances on the Plaintiff's property. The hazardous substances include but are not

limited to polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, lead, tar, dyes, and pigment. Evidence reveals that the Defendants intentionally and/or negligently disposed of these hazardous substances on the Plaintiff's property and in a pond that previously existed thereon.

FIRST COUNT

NEGLIGENCE

16. The Plaintiff repeats the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint and incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.

7. The Defendants, at all times material hereto, acted through their respective officers, employees, and agents, who in turn were acting within the scope of their authority and employment in furtherance of the business of the Defendants.

8. As a result of the Defendants' acts and omissions as aforesaid, extensive contamination has been documented on the Plaintiff's property.

19. At all times relevant, the Defendants knew or should have known, that the hazardous and toxic substances discharged by the Defendants were contaminating the Plaintiff's property thereby causing damage.

20. At all times relevant, the Defendants failed to safely and properly remove and discharge its waste and failed to advise or warn Plaintiff of the dangers emanating from the discharge of hazardous and toxic substances into the subsurface.

21. Defendants failed to use reasonable care to safeguard those residing on nearby properties from injury or property damage.

22. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of the Defendants
- a. Plaintiff's have lost the beneficial use, enjoyment and exclusive possession of its property;
 - b. Plaintiff's property has declined in value as a result of the contamination and the specter of contamination in the future; and
 - c. Plaintiff suffered property damage, economic loss, inconvenience and other damages flowing directly or indirectly from the Defendants actions

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorneys fees, together with costs of suit, and for such other or further relief as the court may deem just, equitable and appropriate.

SECOND COUNT

ABSOLUTE / STRICT LIABILITY

23. The Plaintiff repeats the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint and incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.
24. The Defendants by generating, discharging, transporting or allowing the discharge of hazardous and toxic substances, and/or concealing knowledge of same, knowingly and deliberating engaged in abnormally dangerous activities.
25. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of the Defendants:
- a. Plaintiff's have lost the beneficial use, enjoyment and exclusive possession of its property;

- b. Plaintiff's property has declined in value as a result of the contamination and the specter of contamination in the future;
- c. Plaintiff suffered property damage, economic loss, inconvenience and other damages flowing directly or indirectly from the Defendants actions.

26. Defendants are absolutely and strictly liable for the above damage, which resulted directly from their engaging in abnormally dangerous activities.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorneys fees, together with costs of suit, and for such other or further relief as the court may deem just, equitable and appropriate.

THIRD COUNT

TRESPASS

27. The Plaintiff repeats the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint and incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.

28. The Defendants' wrongful conduct as set forth above resulted in the direct physical invasion of Plaintiff's property by hazardous and toxic substances contaminating its property.

29. The hazardous and toxic substances deposited by the Defendants and emanating from the Defendants' property continues to contaminate the Plaintiff's property and surrounding surface and subsurface areas.

30. The presence of hazardous and toxic constituents on Plaintiff's property is unauthorized and unreasonable.

31 The Defendants have not sought nor obtained Plaintiff's consent to store its substances and waste on its property.

32. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of the Defendants:

- a. Plaintiff's have lost the beneficial use, enjoyment and exclusive possession of its property;
- b. Plaintiff's property has declined in value as a result of the contamination and the specter of contamination in the future; and
- c. Plaintiff suffered property damage, economic loss, inconvenience and other damages flowing directly or indirectly from the Defendants actions.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorneys fees, together with costs of suit, and for such other or further relief as the court may deem just, equitable and appropriate.

FOURTH COUNT

NUISANCE

33. The Plaintiff repeats the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint and incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.

34. The Defendants' wrongful conduct resulted in the interference with the Plaintiff's right to exclusive use and enjoyment of its property through the invasion of hazardous and toxic substances contaminating its property.

35. The Defendants knew that the invasion of contamination on Plaintiff's property was substantially certain to result from their actions / omissions, as aforesaid.

36. This interference with Plaintiff's use and enjoyment of its property is unreasonable,

unwarranted and unlawful

37. Plaintiff has suffered material damages, annoyance, displacement, and economic loss due to the Defendants' wrongful interference with the Plaintiff's property rights.

38. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of the Defendants.

a. Plaintiff's have lost the beneficial use, enjoyment and exclusive possession of its property;

b. Plaintiff's property have declined in value as a result of the contamination and specter of contamination in the future; and

Plaintiff suffered property damage, economic loss, inconvenience and other damages flowing directly or indirectly from the Defendants actions

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorneys fees, together with costs of suit, and for such other or further relief as the court may deem just, equitable and appropriate

FIFTH COUNT

WILFUL AND WANTON CONDUCT (GROSS NEGLIGENCE/EXEMPLARY/PUNITIVE DAMAGE)

39. The Plaintiff repeats the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint and incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.

40. At all times pertinent hereto, the conduct of the Defendants in the use, disposal, release, discharge, transportation, storage, treatment and handling of hazardous and toxic substances or concealment of knowledge of same, was more than momentary thoughtlessness, inadvertence, or err of judgment on the part of these Defendants. Instead, their conduct constitutes such an entire want of care and conscious indifference to the rights, welfare, safety and health of the

Plaintiff, that these acts constitute gross negligence.

41 At all times pertinent hereto, the conduct of the Defendants in the use, disposal, release, discharge, transportation, storage, treatment and handling of hazardous and toxic substances or concealment of knowledge of same, that have caused, or threatened to cause property damage including damage to the natural resources such as soil, groundwater and surface water, demonstrates a deliberate act or omission with knowledge of a high degree of probability of harm and reckless indifference to the welfare of the Plaintiff.

42 As a direct and proximate result of the reckless indifference in the use, disposal, release, discharge, storage, treatment, and handling of hazardous and toxic substances that have caused or threatened to cause property damage including damage to the natural resources such as soil, groundwater and surface water, Defendants caused Plaintiff's injuries.

43 Defendants' conduct in the use, disposal, release, discharge, transportation, storage, treatment and handling of hazardous and toxic substances or concealment of knowledge of same that have caused or threatened to cause property damage including damage to soil, groundwater and surface water, demonstrated a wilful and wanton, malicious and reckless disregard of the rights of the Plaintiff herein as to warrant imposition of punitive damage.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorneys fees, together with costs of suit, and for such other or further relief as the court may deem just, equitable and appropriate

SIXTH COUNT

INDEMNIFICATION

44 The Plaintiff repeats the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint and

incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.

45. In the event that the Plaintiff is obligated to remediate its property, compensate third parties, or incur any losses, said damages are the result of the primary act and direct actions of the Defendants and the Plaintiff is entitled to common law indemnification from the Defendants

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, indemnification, attorneys fees, together with costs of suit, and for such other or further relief as the court may deem just, equitable and appropriate.

SEVENTH COUNT

ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS ACT

46. The Plaintiff repeats the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint and incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein

47. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has not taken any action under its legislative authority, including the New Jersey Spill Act to direct and require the Defendants at their own expense to investigate, remediate, remove and clean up hazardous substances on the Plaintiff's property

48. Accordingly, Pleasant Gardens Realty Corporation, pursuant to the Environmental Rights Act, *N.J.S.A. 2A:35A-1 et seq.* brings this action directly against the Defendants to require the Defendants, at their own expense, to investigate, remediate, remove and clean up the hazardous substances from the Plaintiff's property consistent with State and Federal regulations.

49. By reason of the Defendants' refusal to recognize and undertake the aforementioned obligation to remediate the alleged contamination on or about the Plaintiff's property, the Plaintiff has suffered and will suffer injury. This injury can only be cured by an order being

issued from this court directing the Defendants to pay and to take whatever steps are required by the NJDEP to decontaminate the aforementioned property.

50. By reason of the Defendants' failure and refusal to take action required by statute to decontaminate the Plaintiff's property, the Plaintiff suffered financial losses including the loss of business opportunities.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants as follows

- a) Directing Defendants to investigate, remediate, remove and clean up hazardous substances from the Plaintiff's property at its own expense;
- b) Directing Defendants to reimburse the Plaintiff for any and all sums expended by the Plaintiff for investigation, remediation, removal and clean up of hazardous substances on the Plaintiff's property;
- c) Directing Defendants to assume direct responsibility for all future sums which may be expended for investigation, remediation, removal and clean up of hazardous substances from the Plaintiff's property made necessary by the Defendant or its predecessors in title or interest;
- d) Directing Defendants to indemnify the Plaintiff for all future sums of money which may be expended for investigation, remediation, removal and clean up of hazardous substances on the Plaintiff's property;
- e) For damages as allowed by the Environmental Rights Act and any environmental statutes;
- f) For compensatory damages;
- g) For temporary or permanent equitable relief;

- h) For punitive damages;
- i) or interest;
- j) For costs;
- k) For attorneys fees; and
- l) For such other or further relief as the court may deem just and proper under the circumstances.

NINTH COUNT

NEW JERSEY SPILL COMPENSATION AND CONTROL ACT

51 The Plaintiff repeats the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint and incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein

52. Under the terms of the New Jersey Spill Compensation and Control Act, *N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.* the Defendants are strictly liable, jointly and severally for all clean up and removal costs. As a result of the Defendants' activities at the Site and on the Plaintiff's property, the Defendants are responsible for the discharge of numerous hazardous substances.

53. To the extent that Pleasant Gardens Realty Corporation may be obligated to pay costs of investigation, remediation, clean up and removal of hazardous substances, the Defendants are strictly liable, without regard to fault, to reimburse Pleasant Gardens Realty Corporation for any such costs paid by it and to assume responsibility for all costs which might otherwise be imposed upon it.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants as follows

- a) Directing Defendants to investigation, remediate, remove and clean up hazardous substances from the Plaintiff's property at its own expense;

- b) Directing Defendants to reimburse the Plaintiff for any and all sums expended by the Plaintiff for investigation, remediation, removal and clean up of hazardous substances on the Plaintiff's property;
- c) Directing Defendants to assume direct responsibility for all future sums which may be expended for investigation, remediation, removal and clean up of hazardous substances from the Plaintiff's property made necessary by the Defendant or its predecessors in title or interest;
- d) Directing Defendants to indemnify the Plaintiff for all future sums of money which may be expended for investigation, remediation, removal and clean up of hazardous substances on the Plaintiff's property;
- e) For damages as allowed by the New Jersey Spill Compensation and Control Act and other State and Federal environmental regulations.
- f) For compensatory damages;
- g) For punitive damages;
- h) For interest;
- i) For costs;
- j) For attorneys fees; and
- k) For such other or further relief as the court may deem just and proper under the circumstances.

TENTH COUNT

ISRA/ECRA

54. The Plaintiff repeats the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint and

incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.

55. Under the terms of the Environmental Cleanup and Responsibility Act ("ECRA") and the Industrial Site Recovery Act ("ISRA") the defendants are obligated to comply with the conditions and requirements of the said laws prior to any change in ownership as defined by this statute.

56. The defendants have failed to comply with the requirements of ECRA and ISRA arising out of the transaction which occurred in or about 1988.

57. Accordingly, Pleasant Gardens Realty Corporation, in accordance with the Environmental Rights Act brings this action directly against the defendants to require the defendants to comply with its ECRA/ISRA obligations. In the alternative, the plaintiff will seek to void the sale/transfer of the business or real property to General Color in or about 1988 and revert ownership and control to the defendant, H. Kohnstamm & Company currently known as Sensient Colors, Inc.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants as follows:

- a) Directing Defendants to investigation, remediate, remove and clean up hazardous substances from the Plaintiff's property at its own expense;
- b) Directing Defendants to reimburse the Plaintiff for any and all sums expended by the Plaintiff for investigation, remediation, removal and clean up of hazardous substances on the Plaintiff's property;
- c) Directing Defendants to assume direct responsibility for all future sums which may be expended for investigation, remediation, removal and clean up of hazardous substances from the Plaintiff's property made necessary by the

Defendant or its predecessors in title or interest;

- d) Directing Defendants to indemnify the Plaintiff for all future sums of money which may be expended for investigation, remediation, removal and clean up of hazardous substances on the Plaintiff's property;
- e) Directing the defendants to comply with ECRA/ISRA and other State and Federal environmental regulations;
- f) For an order voiding the transfer of real estate/business interest from H. Kohnstamm & Company (currently known as Sensient Colors, Inc.) to General Color;
- g) For compensatory damages;
- h) For punitive damages;
- i) For interest;
- j) For costs;
- k) For attorneys fees; and
- l) For such other or further relief as the court may deem just and proper under the circumstances.

ELEVENTH COUNT

FRAUD AND FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT

58. The Plaintiff repeats the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint and incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.

59. Defendants, at all times material hereto, acted through their respective officers,

employees and agents, who in turn were acting within the scope of their authority of employment and in furtherance of the business of the Defendants.

60. Defendants collectively and individually misrepresented and knowingly omitted material information regarding the conditions present at the Site and on the Plaintiff's property.

61. By way of example, and not by way of limitation, Defendants purposely, intentionally and for the purpose of personal profit concealed the fact that the Defendants and its predecessors had unlawfully buried hazardous materials on the Plaintiff's property and in the surrounding areas.

62. The Defendants knew or should have known that their concealment of this information was improper and that the failure to disclose this information was in violation of the law.

63. The Defendants' concealment of these material facts was intended to deceive governmental agencies, government officials, and the general public including the Plaintiff.

64. The conduct of the Defendants as aforesaid, constituted common law fraud, fraudulent concealment and intentional misrepresentation.

65. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of the Defendants

- a. Plaintiff's have lost the beneficial use, enjoyment and exclusive possession of its property;
- b. Plaintiff's property has declined in value as a result of the contamination and the specter of contamination in the future; and
- c. Plaintiff suffered property damage, economic loss, inconvenience and other damages flowing directly or indirectly from the Defendants actions.

66. Furthermore, until the Defendants remediate and restore the Plaintiff's property, the

Plaintiff will continue to suffer economic losses including loss of business opportunity, for which the Defendants will be responsible.

67. The Defendants' concealment of the disposal of hazardous waste on the Plaintiff's property was wilful and wanton and warrants the imposition of punitive damages

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, for compensatory and punitive damages, attorneys fees, together with costs of suit, and for such other or further relief as the court may deem just, equitable and appropriate.

TWELFTH COUNT

EQUITABLE FRAUD

68. The Plaintiff repeats the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint and incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.

69. Defendants, at all times material hereto, acted through their respective officers, employees and agents, who in turn were acting within the scope of their authority, employment and in furtherance of the business of the Defendants.

70. By way of example, and not by way of limitation, Defendants purposely, intentionally and for the purpose of personal profit concealed the fact that the Defendants and its predecessors had unlawfully buried hazardous materials on the Plaintiff's property and in the surrounding areas.

71. The Defendants knew or should have known that their failure to disclose these actions was unlawful and would result in damage and harm to others.

72. The conduct of the Defendants as aforesaid, constituted equitable fraud.

73. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of the Defendants

- a. Plaintiff's have lost the beneficial use, enjoyment and exclusive possession of its property;
- b. Plaintiff's property has declined in value as a result of the contamination and the specter of contamination in the future; and
- c. Plaintiff suffered property damage, economic loss, inconvenience and other damages flowing directly or indirectly from the Defendants actions.

74. Furthermore, until the Defendants remediate and restore the Plaintiff's property, the Plaintiff will continue to suffer economic losses including loss of business opportunity, for which the Defendants will be responsible.

75. The Defendants' concealment of the disposal of hazardous waste on the Plaintiff's property was wilful and wanton and warrants the imposition of punitive damages

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, for compensatory and punitive damages, attorneys fees, together with costs of suit, and for such other or further relief as the court may deem just, equitable and appropriate

THIRTEENTH COUNT

UNJUST ENRICHMENT

76. The Plaintiff repeats the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint and incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.

77. Defendants, at all times material hereto, acted through their respective officers, employees and agents, who in turn were acting within the scope of their authority, employment and in furtherance of the business of the Defendants.

78. The Defendants have been enriched by their acts and omissions which allowed hazardous materials to be placed on and under the Plaintiff's property

79. These acts and omissions allowed the Defendants to save hundreds, thousands, and millions of dollars in costs that they should have expended in order to properly contain and control the hazardous contaminants generated from their operation.

80. The Defendants lack any legal justification for permitting their hazardous waste to leave their property and to be buried on the Plaintiff's property and remain on and under Plaintiff's property at the Plaintiff's expense.

81. No other remedy can adequately compensate Plaintiff for the damages occasioned by the Defendants' conscious choice to store hazardous materials on the Plaintiff's property in order to save the expense of properly disposing of, controlling and containing such hazardous material

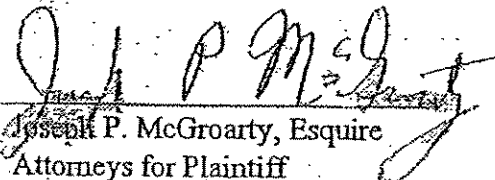
82. Accordingly, the Defendants are indebted to the Plaintiff for the value of storing the materials on the Plaintiff's property in the past and until such time as the materials are removed.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, for equitable relief, including but limited to disgorgement of the Defendants' profits (which were monies improperly retained/obtained as aforesaid), interest, attorneys fees, costs of suit, compensatory damages, the costs of cleaning up and remediating the contamination and for such other or further relief as the court may deem just, equitable and appropriate

FITZGERALD, McGROARTY & LIPARI

Dated: November 25, 2003

By:


Joseph P. McGroarty, Esquire
Attorneys for Plaintiff

JURY DEMAND

Demand is hereby made for a trial by jury as to all issues raised herein.

FITZGERALD, McGROARTY & LIPARI

Dated: November 25, 2003

By:


Joseph P. McGroarty, Esquire
Attorneys for Plaintiff

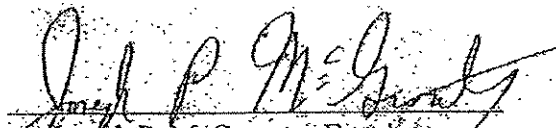
DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

Pursuant to Rule 4:24-4, Joseph P. McGroarty, Esquire and Christopher S. Lipari, Esquire are hereby designated as trial counsel on behalf of the law firm of Fitzgerald, McGroarty and Lipari.

FITZGERALD, McGROARTY & LIPARI

Dated: November 25, 2003

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CERTIFICATION

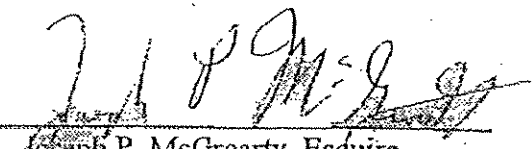
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of the substitution of specific named individuals or entities for those identified as John Smith
Companies/Individuals 1-20.

FITZGERALD, McGROARTY & LIPARI

Dated: November 25, 2003

By:


Joseph P. McGroarty, Esquire
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SENSIENT COLORS, INC.,
f/k/a WARNER-JENKINSON COMPANY, INC.,
f/k/a H. KOHNSTAMM & COMPANY, INC.,

Defendant.

Civil Action No.

COMPLAINT

The United States of America, by authority of the Attorney General of the United States, through the undersigned attorneys, at the request of the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), files this complaint and alleges as follows:

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

1. This is a civil action under Sections 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a). By this action, the United States seeks to recover costs incurred and to be incurred in response to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at or from the General Color Superfund Site ("Site"), located in Camden, New Jersey.

EXHIBIT E

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to Sections 107(a) and 113(b) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607(a), 9613(b), and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1345.

3. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to Section 113(b) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(b) and 28 U.S.C. § 1391, because the release or threatened release of hazardous substances that gives rise to the claim set forth herein occurred in this district.

DEFENDANT

4. Defendant is Sensient Colors Inc. ("Sensient Colors"), f/k/a Warner-Jenkinson Company, Inc. ("Warner-Jenkinson"), f/k/a H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc. ("H. Kohnstamm"). Sensient Colors is a New York corporation with principal place of business in St. Louis, Missouri. Sensient Colors is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sensient Technologies Corporation, a Wisconsin corporation with principal place of business in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.^{1/}

5. Defendant is a "person" within the meaning of Section 101(21) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(21).

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

6. The Site encompasses approximately six acres located adjacent to 31st Street and Lemuel Avenue in the City of Camden, Camden County, New Jersey.

^{1/} Hereinafter the term "Defendant" is used to refer to Sensient Colors as well as the same corporation by any of its former names, including without limitation Warner-Jenkinson and H. Kohnstamm.

7. On the south of the Site is a multi-family residential development known as the Pleasant Gardens Apartment Complex ("Pleasant Gardens"). On the north, east and west of the Site are properties owned and operated by the New Jersey Transit Authority.

8. From approximately 1922 to 1988, Defendant owned all or a portion of the Site. During that period, Defendant operated a facility on the Site that manufactured several products, including without limitation inorganic and organic pigments and dyes.

9. During the time Defendant was an owner or operator of Site property, hazardous substances, within the meaning of Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14), were disposed of there.

10. From approximately March 1998 to December 2006, EPA conducted removal activities at the Site, pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604.

11. In or about March 1998, at the request of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"), EPA initiated investigations at the Site. Those investigations revealed the presence at the Site of thousands of tanks, vats, drums, cylinders and other containers. In and around those containers, EPA found numerous hazardous substances, within the meaning of Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14), including without limitation, benzene, diethylamine, sodium perchlorate, xylene, toluene, mercury, aniline, and hydrochloric acid. Many of those substances exhibited one or more of the following characteristics: acutely toxic, chronically toxic, poisonous, corrosive, flammable, reactive, shock-sensitive, and ignitable.

12. From approximately April 1998 to July 1998, EPA conducted removal activities at the Site, included without limitation securing the Site and detonating or removing highly reactive and shock-sensitive hazardous substances from the Site.

13. From approximately September 1998 to December 1999, EPA conducted removal activities at the Site, including without limitation: securing the Site; stabilizing, removing and disposing off-Site of thousands of drums, bags and small containers of hazardous substances; sampling dust from the floors of buildings at the Site; and decontaminating Site buildings. Analysis of such dust samples showed elevated levels of hazardous substances, including without limitation lead, chromium and cadmium.

14. In or about October 1998 and August 1999, EPA conducted investigations, including detailed screening, of surface soils at the Site and found elevated levels of lead and other hazardous substances.

15. At the time of EPA's initial investigations, the Site was unsecured and evidence of trespassing by children and adults was observed. Children utilized the Site as a playground and were repeatedly observed playing in contaminated areas and coming in contact with contaminated materials. Pleasant Gardens, located on the south side of the Site, was a low-income housing development consisting of 19 low-rise apartment buildings with numerous families and children.

16. In March 2000, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry ("ATSDR") issued a Health Consult for the Site. The Health Consult finds that elevated levels of lead in soil threaten public health. The Health Consult concludes, *inter alia*, that the Site is accessible to the public, that children and adults are potentially exposed to unacceptable levels of

lead in soils at the Site, and that the cleanup level adopted by EPA for surface soil at the Site is protective of public health.

17. In or about November and December 2001, EPA excavated approximately the upper one foot of soil from areas of known surface soil contamination at the Site. That excavation uncovered, *inter alia*, dye and pigment waste, stained soil, and buried hydrocarbon sludge and coal tar. Post-excavation sampling and screening indicated that the horizontal and vertical extent of hazardous substances in soils at the Site was greater than previously known. Those hazardous substances included without limitation lead, chromium, cadmium, mercury, benzo(a)pyrene, and other polynuclear (a/k/a polycyclic) aromatic hydrocarbons ("PAHs"). In addition, Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure ("TCLP") analysis revealed that the lead was leaching at concentrations well over the regulatory limit for hazardous waste. This highly leachable lead was threatening the contamination of groundwater in an aquifer used as a source of drinking water for local communities in New Jersey.

18. Groundwater from the Site recharges (*i.e.*, flows into) the Potomac-Raritan-Magothy ("PRM") aquifer. The PRM aquifer is designated a "sole-source aquifer" pursuant to Section 1424(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-3(e). A sole-source aquifer is an aquifer which is the sole or principal drinking water source for the area and which, if contaminated, would create a significant hazard to public health. *Id.*

19. From approximately March 2002 to December 2006, EPA performed additional soil removal activities at the Site. The objectives of those removal activities included mitigating the direct and contact exposure of the public, particularly local children, to hazardous substances in surface soils, and mitigating the threat of contamination of New Jersey drinking water

resources from buried hazardous substances leaching into groundwater. As contaminated soil was removed, EPA continued to conduct subsurface investigations at the Site. Those investigations revealed that the horizontal and vertical extent of soil contamination was greater than had previously been known. EPA expanded the horizontal and vertical extent of the removal activities in order to meet applicable cleanup criteria.

20. The removal activities referenced in the previous paragraph included, without limitation: consolidation of contaminated soil from previous excavations; clearing and grubbing; demolition of various structures, including without limitation a garage, sheds, concrete pads, slabs and foundations, paved surfaces, timber pilings, and above- and below-ground tanks and vaults; removal and replacement of sewer pipe; installation of dewatering trenches and sumps; excavation of contaminated surface and subsurface soil; study and selection of on-Site treatment technologies; stockpiling and on-Site treatment of excavated soil; transportation and off-Site disposal of treated soil; pre- and post-excavation investigations, including sampling and screening; additional excavation if necessary to meet cleanup criteria; backfilling with imported clean soil; installation of high density polyethylene ("HDPE") liners between areas of clean backfill and contaminated soils; decontamination of paved surfaces and a building; revegetation; and reconstruction of wetlands, including without limitation installation of a drainage structure, grading, soil preparation, planting and seeding.

21. In total, EPA removed approximately 125,094 tons of contaminated soil and debris from the Site.

22. In total, the United States has incurred over \$16 million in "response" costs, within the meaning of Section 101(25) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(25), in connection with

the Site. The United States is continuing and will continue to incur response costs in connection with the Site, including without limitation enforcement costs incurred in an effort to recover response costs from Defendant.

23. In or about June 2004, EPA sent Defendant a notice of potential liability and demand for reimbursement of response costs incurred by the United States in connection with the Site.

24. To date, the United States has not received reimbursement of any Site-related response costs from Defendant, or from any other person.

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25. Paragraphs 1 through 24 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

26. The Site is a "facility" within the meaning of Section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9).

27. There has been a "release" or threatened "release," within the meaning of Section 101(22) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(22), of a "hazardous substance," within the meaning of Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14), from the Site.

28. As a result of the release or threatened release of hazardous substances from the Site, the United States has taken a "response" action and has incurred "response" costs within the meaning of Section 101(25) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(25).

29. The response action taken by the United States and the response costs incurred by the United States in connection with the Site are not inconsistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (a/k/a "national contingency plan"),

promulgated pursuant to Section 105 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9605, and codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 300.

30. Defendant “owned” or “operated” a facility at the Site at the time of “disposal” of hazardous substances at such facility, within the meaning of Sections 101(20), 101(29) and 107(a)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601(20), 9601(29), 9607(a)(2).

31. Pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), Defendant is liable to the United States for all costs incurred by the United States in connection with the Site, plus interest.

32. Pursuant to Section 113(g) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(g), the United States is entitled to a declaratory judgment on the liability of Defendant to the United States for response costs incurred in the future by the United States in connection with the Site and with any area to which hazardous substances therefrom may have come to be located, plus interest.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff United States of America respectfully prays that the Court:


1. Enter judgment against Defendant Sensient Colors Inc., f/k/a Warner-Jenkinson Company, Inc., f/k/a H. Kohnstamm & Company, Inc., in favor of the United States, for all costs, including enforcement costs, incurred by the United States in connection with the Site, plus interest;
2. Enter a declaratory judgment, pursuant to Section 113(g) (2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9613(g), against Defendant, in favor of the United States, for all costs, including enforcement costs, incurred in the future by the United States in connection with the Site and

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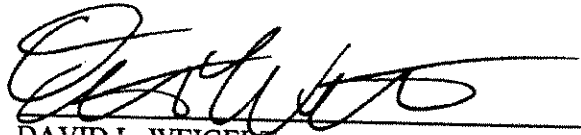
with any area to which hazardous substances therefrom may have come to be located, plus interest; and

3. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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